

A Mutual Toast to Mutual Heroism



2/Lt. John C. Morgan (left), winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and Capt. Walker Mahurin, who was awarded the DSC, drink a toast after receiving their awards. (Story on Mahurin and other awards on page 2.)

Congressional Medal Awarded Texas Flier

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Dec. 19—For heroism on a B17 which returned to England with more gruesome drama and paths aboard it than possibly any bomber that ever fought its way back from enemy territory, 2/Lt. John C. Morgan, of Amarilla, Tex., yesterday was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, America's highest award for bravery in action. The award, fourth of its kind to men of the Eighth Air Force, was made by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, U.S. air chief in the ETO.

Morgan, a flight officer recently transferred from the RCAF at the time, was serving as co-pilot on the Fortress Ruthie II when the ship took off for Hanover, Germany, last July 28. It was not until the bomber was within 20 minutes flying time of the German border that the pilot, 1/Lt. Robert L. Campbell, of Liberty, Miss., took the controls.

Oxygen Tanks Blasted

Soon after, Ruthie II was attacked by a flight of German fighters. On their first pass one German ship sent 20mm. shells into the Ruthie's midriff, puncturing the oxygen tanks above the ball-turret which supply the two waist gunners, the tail gunner and the radio man.

A second later a 20mm. shell and a machine-gun bullet shattered the windshield and struck Lt. Campbell in the head. The pilot fell forward over the control column, wrapping his arms around it.

"Campbell was not killed instantly," Lt. Morgan said, "and although only semi-conscious, he instinctively struggled with the controls."

Morgan, a 210-pound, six-foot, three-inch powerhouse, struggled to get the Fortress under control. It had plunged downward when the wounded Campbell lunged forward over the controls.

By sheer strength, Morgan leveled the plane off and pulled it back into formation. The co-pilot could not get help, the ship's communication system had been destroyed.

Arm Sheared Off

In the top turret S/Sgt. Tyre C. Weaver, of River View, Ala., was hit by 20mm. shells and one arm was sheared off close to the shoulder. Weaver crawled forward to the nose compartment where 2/Lt. Keith Koske, of Milwaukee, the navigator, tried to apply a tourniquet, but Weaver's arm was off so close to the shoulder that it was impossible.

In split-second thinking—it was learned Dec. 7 that it saved Weaver's life—Koske took the step he described as "the only possible thing I could do."

He bound Weaver's arm as securely
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Hero Rejected 8 Times In 8 Years by USAAF

2/Lt. John C. Morgan, read-headed recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, was rejected by the U.S. Air Force eight years in a row for as many different reasons, once because of a broken neck incurred in a fall. Morgan finally joined the RCAF. He transferred to the USAAF in March. His ambition is to pilot a single-engine fighter, which would doubtless have to be a P47, because that's the only one he's able to get his 210-pound frame into.

Nazis Battle Fiercely for Kirovograd

Russian troops last night were converging from three directions on Kirovograd, important rail junction town in the Dnieper Bend, in the face of German resistance made desperate by realization that the loss of Kirovograd would strangle Nazi communications in the area.

Dive-bombers and large tank forces were being used by the Germans, but dispatches from Moscow said that steady Russian progress was being made.

Meanwhile, although Moscow remained silent on fighting in the area, German sources admitted that the Red Army had closed an iron ring around Nevel, in White Russia.

Situation 'Extremely Serious'

The German-controlled STB news agency in Stockholm described the Nevel situation as "extremely serious." Berlin radio admitted that ceaseless Russian attacks from north, east and south had forced the Germans back on to a "shortened front line."

Some of the biggest air battles of the year were being fought out in the Kirovograd sector. German dive-bombers, attempting to blast Russian positions, were being attacked continuously by Red Air Force planes.

Moscow said that the favorite Soviet tactic of allowing enemy panzers to come within point-blank range of Russian artillery was again playing a part in the Kirovograd battle. Well under 100 miles east of the Bug River, the city holds the key to the fate of almost all Nazi positions in the Dnieper bend, particularly Krivoi Rog.

Fall of Smyela Near

The Russian attack also continued 50 miles to the north, where the fall of Smyela appeared last night to be imminent.

In this area, the Soviets had succeeded in cutting in between those German forces retiring from Cherkassy and the main body of enemy troops farther west.

The great tank battle west of Kiev evidently had died down to mere scouting operations after five weeks of frantic but futile German efforts to break the Red Army's main Dnieper salient.

Thus the Russians apparently had won a defensive victory as important as some of its offensive thrusts, maintaining a bridgehead across the river for a wide springboard for further campaigns.

According to Berlin, fighting in the Zlobin sector of White Russia had died down also, although what were described as "German offensive battles" were reported.

Asia Air Setup Gets Revamped

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AP)—Lord Louis Mountbatten, supreme chief of the southeast Asia command issued a directive today combining all combat units of the RAF and the USAAF in the Southeast Asia Theater into a single air force under the command of Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, with Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer as second in command.

Maj. Gen. Stratemeyer, who was formerly Gen. H. H. Arnold's chief of staff, also will command a strong force known as the Eastern air command, composed of all combat units of the Tenth U.S. air force and the RAF Bengal command.

A Good Gremlin Told the Kremlin

FDR Tells of Axis Plot in Iran, How Stalin Nipped It in Bud

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—President Roosevelt, upon his return to the White House after the series of conferences in the Middle East, revealed that at Josef Stalin's insistence, he stayed at the Russian, rather than the American, Embassy in Teheran because of a German plot.

The President revealed that he was contacted by Stalin and urged to come to the Russian Embassy because the Soviet Premier had been informed of the plot against the "big three" conferees and because the streets of Teheran teemed with Nazi agents.

Mr. Roosevelt added, laughingly, that he agreed to Stalin's request because if a German spy were to have caught the "big three" together, it would have represented a pretty good haul. A large compound made the Russian Embassy relatively easy to guard, and his presence there obviated the President's need to travel through the streets.

Asked whether he, Stalin and Prime

Last Big Peak Barring Road to Rome Seized By 5th in Fierce Fight

New Pacific Boss



Associated Press Photo

Vice Adm. Raymond A. Spruance has established Central Pacific Headquarters in the newly won Gilbert Islands, it was disclosed in Washington. He will lead future operations against the Jap bases in the Marshalls.

6th Army Moves Inland on Island

Arawe Area Now in U.S. Hands; Village Falls, Equipment Seized

SIXTH ARMY HQ, New Guinea, Dec. 19 (UP)—Troops of the Sixth Army on New Britain today moved towards the first of the great mountain ridges running up the center of the Pacific island after consolidating their positions on the Arawe Peninsula and capturing Umtin-galu, the main jungle base in the area.

The U.S. men threw out feelers east and west as well as inland from the Arawe Peninsula, but no land clashes developed with the Japs.

An indication that the enemy is being forced to move back quickly is given in the announcement that Jap field guns were included in the first list of war booty captured on Arawe.

The Texas shock troops of Gen. Krueger's army which are fanned from their bridgehead are getting strong air support, and Fifth Air Force fighters are patrolling the skies in readiness for any Japanese attacks which may be launched from Rabaul, 240 miles away to the northeast.

The U.S. drive on Bougainville is being speeded up, and U.S. Army troops and marines are advancing east and northwest from their original beachheads in the Empress Augusta Bay area, following a three weeks' lull. They have pushed across the Torokina river, where the Japanese defenses were overcome with the help of strong air cover.

8th Battles Its Way Into the Outskirts Of Orsogna

Strong Fifth Army forces, in fierce hand-to-hand fighting against stubborn German resistance, stormed into almost-surrounded San Pietro village northwest of Mignano Gap yesterday and swept the enemy from the last major mountain barrier barring the road to Rome.

Capture of the German stronghold at the head of the 20-mile Liri Valley leading toward the Italian capital placed the Allies at last within striking distance of the flat valley country needed for maneuvering tanks.

Eighth in New Gains

The Fifth's victory, accompanied by advances on two other sectors, coincided with new gains on the Eighth Army's Adriatic front, where the enemy threw eight battalions of paratroops into the line and counter-attacked fiercely with tanks and flame-throwers.

In spite of the German resistance, which cost the enemy heavily in losses, Allied troops tightened their hold on the vital Ortona-Guardiagrele road and New Zealanders captured the little village of Poggio Fiorita, four miles northeast of Orsogna, and were reported to have broken into the outskirts of Orsogna itself.

Hand-to-hand fighting was developing in these areas, according to reports reaching Allied headquarters, and the invading New Zealanders were said to be meeting a strong artillery barrage from enemy field guns behind the front line.

French Troops Advance

Along the eastern end of the Fifth Army front, Allied troops drove the Germans from the village of San Cerusola, 2,000 feet up in the hills three miles northwest of Filignano. Still farther east, French troops advanced at a number of places.

Correspondents reported that in this sector the Germans were hurriedly constructing pillboxes and defense positions in anticipation of an Allied offensive.

Behind San Pietro they made an Allied advance difficult by planting extensive minefields, barbed wire entanglements and booby traps.

Allied air forces struck their third big blow in four days aimed at cutting off supplies and reinforcements for the Germans in Italy.

Following up Wednesday's attack at either end of the Brenner Pass and Thursday's bombing of the railway line through Linz and Salzburg, Marauders on Saturday attacked the coastal railway from France in an attempt to cut still a third line into Italy.

One formation scored hits on a double-track railway bridge west of Nice and another attacked a viaduct near Cannes. Italian fighter planes strafed and bombed a German airfield at Podgorica, Jugoslavia.

Would Canvass GIs' Job Hopes

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 19—A canvass of servicemen to discover the type of work they wish to do after they are discharged was urged today by Henry J. Kaiser to facilitate post-war planning and Army demobilization.

Making a strong plea that the future of servicemen be charted before the end of the war, the shipbuilder declared that the urgent problem facing the nation was the fate of demobilized men.

"Unless the whole nation is aroused," he said, "nothing will be done to show the men they are coming back to something besides selling apples."

Kaiser revealed he had suggested to Under-secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox that a canvass be made of "every man on every fighting front about his specific desires for eventual return to civilian life—where he wants to go and what he wants to do."

He suggested that questionnaires be filled in and then sent to local committees, so that each man's case could be studied individually and definite preparations made for his return.

"The committees would be like draft boards in reverse," he said.

Detroit Plant Burns Down

DETROIT, Dec. 18—The Detroit Piston Company was completely destroyed, an employee was burned to death and another received severe burns in a fire started by a smoldering cigarette.

Death Sentence Is Passed on 4 Nazi Criminals

Soviet Army Court Orders Execution for Crimes Against Civilians

KHARKOV, Dec. 19—Four war criminals, the first to be tried in this or any other war, were sentenced to death by hanging by a military court here last night.

The four men are Mikhail Petrovich Bulanov, Russian chauffeur for the Gestapo; Reinhardt Retzslav, agent for the German secret field police; Capt. William Langfeld, an intelligence officer, and Heinz Ritz, Gestapo assistant.

Sentence was passed at 11.40 last night, and was greeted with a roar of cheering from Russian workers assembled in the courtroom.

Betrayed Country for 90 Marks

Bulanov pleaded guilty to "betraying his country for 90 marks and participating in the systematic execution of innocent Soviet people." During the trial he admitted driving a truck which took bodies from the Nazi gas-van to the Kharkov tractor factory where they were buried. He also admitted working as a mechanic on the van.

His pay amounted to 90 marks, a German soldier's ration, a coat for his wife, and two suits and a pair of shoes for himself.

Retzslav gave a detailed account of his career of murder and torture. He testified that he had received 12 months' training in police procedure on interrogating prisoners and making them talk.

Kharkov Children Killed

Retzslav also gave lurid details of the "evacuation" of a children's hospital in Kharkov. German soldiers told the terrified children: "We are going to take you to your aunts and uncles in Stalingrad." Less than an hour later those children were dead or dying in a narrow ditch outside the city, their bodies riddled with bullets fired from point-blank range by a German soldier with an automatic rifle.

Langfeld told, in an expressionless voice, how he had tortured and killed women and children, and how some Russian prisoners had been used as targets by German officers and men.

Ritz admitted that "just to show what he could do" he once fired a burst from an automatic rifle into a group of men, women and children awaiting execution.

Morgan

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as possible, adjusted the gunner's parachute, opened the escape hatch behind the nose compartment and toppled the wounded man out, hoping that a German doctor would get to him in time to save his life.

A London friend of Weaver's received a letter from the gunner last week stating that he was safe in a German prison camp.

In the pilot's cockpit, Morgan, constantly struggling with the pilot, thought that the gunners in the rear of the plane had bailed out. He couldn't contact them and their guns were still.

What Morgan didn't know was that the gunners' oxygen supply had been cut off and that they were all lying unconscious.

"In the face of desperate resistance from the dying pilot," the official reports stated, "the cries from the critically wounded turret gunner, the fact that the tail, waist and top-turret guns were not operating, the lack of visibility because of his shattered windshield, the concentrated attacks by enemy fighters and the prospects of flying the plane alone into the target and back out over Germany and the long water route home—" Morgan was determined to complete the mission.

"To break out of formation, to go down or up off alone," the official report continued, "would have meant quick and sure annihilation. Thereafter, and unassisted for two full hours, F/O Morgan, doing the impossible, flew the aircraft in formation with one hand while holding the struggling pilot with the other, all the way into the target, over the target, making a successful bombing run, out over Germany, and finally out over the sea. During all this time F/O Morgan was accomplishing evasive action against continuous enemy attacks on the unprotected tail section of his aircraft."

Once over the English coast the gunners who had been unconscious for hours from the lack of oxygen revived.

"I don't know how it happened," Morgan says. "They all came to as soon as we came down. We flew above 25,000 feet most of the way and the gunners were without oxygen at that altitude for more than three hours. You're supposed to die within a few minutes at that height."

With the help of the navigator and one of the revived gunners, Morgan was able to transfer to the pilot's seat, and Campbell was laid on the floor.

Ruthie II crossed the coast, and at the first field he spotted Morgan put the plane down, moving into the pattern of other planes that were landing, despite the fact he had no radio equipment left.

Campbell was still alive. He died later. "The miraculous and heroic performance of F/O Morgan," the report stated, "was far above and beyond the call of duty. It not only directly contributed to the successful completion of the mission, but saved the lives of the crew and prevented the destruction of the aircraft."

Bugler Snafus Calls, Wins Relief From Job

AN AVIATION ENGINEERS BN., Dec. 19—Credit Pvt. Warren A. Flanders, of Walnut, Cal., with the latest trick to land the job of his preference in the Army. He merely blew his way in.

Flanders, in civilian life a shovel operator for Henry Kaiser's shipyards at Richmond, Cal., also led a dance band. When he landed with his present outfit, his background qualified him for the company bugler.

But Flanders wanted to run a shovel. He started tooting sour notes. He began blowing reveille an hour early. He also neglected to signal the gang at chow time.

Members of Flanders' organization finally protested. By popular demand he was asked to turn in the bugle. He was assigned to work on a shovel.

Six DSCs Given Fliers by Eaker

Mahurin and Gen. Williams Honored at Ceremony; 3 Get Legion of Merit

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Dec. 19—Six Distinguished Service Crosses were awarded to combat men of the Eighth Air Force yesterday by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, head of the USAAF in the ETO.

Capt. Walker M. Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Fighter Command's leading ace, who has destroyed 12 German fighter planes, won the award for "extraordinary heroism in combat" on Oct. 4, when he attacked a numerically superior force of German fighters, destroyed three of them and dispersed the enemy formation.

For his leadership, skill and courage in the raid on the Schweinfurt ball-bearing plant Aug. 17, Brig. Gen. Robert B. Williams, of Albany, Tex., was presented with the DSC.

Gen. Williams personally commanded the formation of bombers that hit Schweinfurt at the same time that another force commanded by Brig. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, of Columbus, Ohio, attacked the aircraft plants at Regensburg and continued on to land in North Africa. Gen. Williams' formation returned through fiercely defended German "fighter belts" to England.

The DSC also was awarded to S/Sgt. James L. Frazier, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; S/Sgt. Louis G. Lonsday, of Oklahoma City; 1/Lt. Thomas D. Sellers, of Norfolk, Va., and 1/Lt. Charles S. Hudson, of Bakersfield, Cal.

At the same ceremony, the Legion of Merit was awarded M/Sgt. Fabian S. Folmer, of Mansfield, Ohio; Capt. Arnold Levine, of Elizabeth, N.J., and Col. Neal Creighton, of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Ailing Churchill Believed Past Crisis in Middle East

Prime Minister Churchill is believed to have passed the crisis in his illness in the Middle East. A bulletin issued at 10 Downing St. announced that his temperature was subsiding and that the pneumonia afflicting the Prime Minister was "resolving" or breaking up. Some irregularity of the pulse was reported, however, by physicians attending Churchill. Despite this, the Premier was described as able to read dispatches and was keeping in close touch with war developments.

Christmas Gifts a la Henry Kaiser!

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SERVICE COMMAND FIELD, Dec. 19—When men of a signal company here endorsed 1/Lt. Harry B. Raff's suggestion that they ask folks back home to send candy and toys for a children's Christmas party, they hoped to throw quite a party—for as many as 50 children.

But, thanks to the organized campaign they put in, more than 700 children will receive two-pound parcels of toys and candies and full Christmas stockings.

The company ran its campaign on business lines. Mimeographed V-mail letters were sent home telling of shortages in Britain and asking contributions. "We think," the men wrote, "that this would be a very small contribution and token of our appreciation to the English people around here for the kindness and hospitality they have shown us ever since we've been here."

Copies were mailed to kinfolk, friends, lodges and fraternities. All over the U.S. the idea was spread. For two months parcels have poured in. Two and a half tons of good things fill a Nissen hut. Peanut butter goodies, chocolates and hard candy, toy trains, dolls, yo-yos and books make the hut look like a compressed toyland.

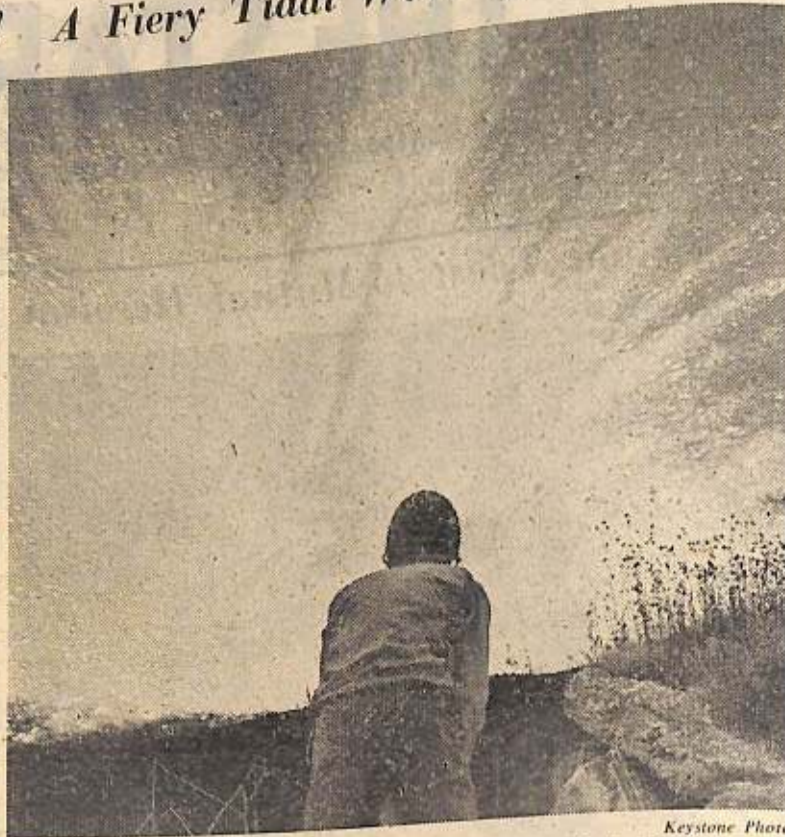
"People at home have done a good job," said 1/Sgt. John Gardner, of Chicago. "Newspapers in our home towns have carried appeals; two radio broadcasts were made." (Gardner, who will need no padding, is going to be Father Christmas at the party which will be given to 550 children on the field. "The lieutenant pulled his rank on me," he apologizes.)

2/Lt. Robert C. White, of Mount Clemens, Mich., heard from his Rotary

Take That Adolf! A Fiery Tidal Wave of a Grenade



His right hand wrapped tightly around a small amount of large trouble for the Germans, Pvt. John Basak Jr., of Perth Amboy, N.J., is about to toss the latest type white phosphorus hand



Keystone Photos

The grenade, developed largely by chemical warfare officers, is a triple-threat munition, for casualty, screening and incendiary effect and against enemy entrenchments.

Jugoslav Sky Is Made Hot For Luftwaffe

ALGIERS, Dec. 19—Spitfires and planes from the U.S. 12th Air Force are making Balkan and Adriatic skies as dangerous as the air over Italy for the Germans.

The Spits shot down four German fighters over Albania yesterday within a few minutes without a loss for themselves. American bombers, on a sweep to Yugoslavia, strafed a merchant vessel, while their fighter escort took on five Me 109s and knocked out three of them.

While guerilla warfare continued, with Yugoslav partisans springing their own offensive after smashing the Germans' sixth big-scale drive, reports emanated from Cairo that an inter-Allied command for the Balkans composed of British, U.S., and Russian military and political representatives may be formed.

Such an organization would help to unite and co-ordinate guerilla groups and reduce the serious problem of factional disputes. Maintenance of the guerilla war was said to be recognized in Cairo to be of utmost importance in preparations for any Allied invasion of the Balkans.

The Royal Yugoslav information office said in Cairo that the regular Yugoslav army would join the Allies in case of an invasion and would be commanded by Gen. Mihailovic.

The patriots' newest drive has taken them to the suburbs of Banjaluka in Bosnia and has resulted in their occupying the Piskavice station on the Banjaluka-Prejedor railway line.

United Press revealed that the Allies had opened a shuttle service to Marshal Tito's forces across the Adriatic. Scores of little caiques and fishing smacks launched the supply service after the Eighth Army's occupation of Bari in Italy.

You Can't Figure a Loose Bomb; This One Should Have Exploded

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. MEDIUM BOMBER STATION, England, Dec. 19—The Marauder Miss Mary was settling smoothly onto the runway at this base when from over the radio from the control-tower came:

"Control tower to aircraft on runway, there is a bomb following you." 1/Lt. Melvin C. Giles, of Tampa, Fla., Miss Mary's pilot, said softly into his throat microphone: "I know it." He paused a moment. "It won't go off... I hope."

Miss Mary was on her way back from last Monday's Amsterdam-Schipol raid in which a large force of Marauders smashed the Luftwaffe's key airframe in Holland.

Over the target, Dick Ludwig, Miami Beach, Fla., the bombardier, had cajoled his bombs onto the airfield's runway and the indicator showed all the bombs were away.

But on the way home, after they had passed through one of the heaviest flak storms ever encountered by Marauders, S/Sgt. Kenneth Kuznetzoff, gunner-engineer from Brooklyn, went forward in the ship with the information: "There is still a bomb in the rack."

Ludwig went back to try and work the bomb loose. It wouldn't salvo. He couldn't unhook it. You can't manhandle a bomb that heavy. Ludwig safetied it and then Miss Mary's crew began to sweat out what they knew would be a hazardous landing. They crossed the North Sea, came in over the English coast, picked up their field and started in for a landing.

As the Marauder set down at 150 miles an hour, the defective mechanism holding the bomb let go and the bomb smashed through the bomb bay doors, dragged its nose a little way on the concrete and then broke loose.

Miss Mary sped down the runway a little faster than B26s are supposed to go down runways. The bomb followed, bounding, twisting, gradually dropping behind.

In the control tower, Capt. Ervin A. Rodgers, of Dayton, Ohio, assistant operations officer, leaped to his feet as he saw the bomb drag along the concrete, then break loose and speed up the runway with the plane. While he waited for the explosion, his voice was saying into the radio:

"Control tower to aircraft on runway, there is a bomb following you." Ordnance experts inspected the bomb after it had slithered to an unexploded halt. They looked at the nose of the bomb which had been battered and ground against the concrete, and then they figured out why it hadn't gone off.

It was the only bomb that Miss Mary carried that had its fuse in the tail instead of the nose.



1/Lt. Harry Raff, Pfc Ralph W. Witmar and T/4 John F. Wood pack part of the two and one-half tons of toys and candy which they received from friends and organizations in the U.S. in response to their V-mail request for gifts for underprivileged children

Club that his appeal was too late to catch the convention, but the club voted to make it an annual affair and carry on the idea after the war for the underprivileged children in Europe.

During the last week the men have been packing gifts. "We had Henry Kaiser beat on assembly lines," claims T/4 Ray King Jr., of Washington Ind., company mailman.

They prepared lists giving name, age and sex of the children participating and passed boxes along to a line of men, who filled each box according to the anticipated tastes of each child.

The big party will be held Christmas Eve, and about 200 parcels are being sent out to local orphanages, schools and evacuees' homes. When the party is over the company faces another job. Every contributor is to receive a letter telling how the gifts were distributed and a picture of the Christmas party.

Some of the other men who helped with the organizing are: M/Sgt. Harlon F. Gilliam, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Pfc. J. W. of Knoxville, Tenn.; T/Sgt. C. I. H. Long, of Stanley, Wis.; T/3 Robert I. Carr, of Houston, Tex., and T/4 John F. Wood, of Canton, Ohio.

AFN Radio Program

Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO.

1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
213.9m. Monday, Dec. 20 211.3m.

- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Personal Album—Anita Ellis.
- 1130—Jack Payne and his Orchestra (BBC).
- 1200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
- 1230—Half and Half.
- 1255—Quiet Moment.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Serenade.
- 1315—Salute to Rhythm.
- 1400—Visiting Hour—Special Hospital Show.
- 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Program Resume—Spotlight on Louis Armstrong.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—"Seven O'clock Sports."
- 1905—Red Skelton.
- 1930—Command Performance.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by the Stars and Stripes.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—This Week in Science.
- 2030—Burns and Allen.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Your Radio Theater—Bob Hope and Virginia Bruce in "My Favorite Blonde."
- 2205—Meet the Band—Al Donahue.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours, Tuesday Dec. 21.

Army Discounts Penicillin Value As Miracle Drug

Highly Effective But Some Bacteria Resist It, Medical Corps Finds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—Penicillin, though highly effective against certain types of bacteria, is neither a "miracle drug" nor a "cure-all," the Army Medical Corps reported today on the basis on comprehensive tests in 32 general hospitals.

"The most dramatic results in the use of penicillin," Maj. Champ Lyons reported in a summary of the tests, "are relief from pain and quick restoration of a normal appetite, even in seriously wounded men."

These factors, he pointed out, plus the administration of whole blood, have made it possible to build up men physically within a short time, permitting major operations to be performed within a few days after their injury.

Prompt Surgery

"Prompt surgery to remove dead tissues, bone fragments and foreign bodies, such as bits of metal, is vitally necessary to insure rapid wound healing," Maj. Lyons explained.

"Without penicillin, however, the body is slow in building up new tissue proteins and regenerating red blood cells and hemoglobin in the presence of serious wounds. The dramatic effectiveness of penicillin in rapidly establishing this phase of convalescence is added proof of the unique position of the drug among anti-bacterial agents."

Although penicillin was found to be almost 100 per cent effective in the treatment of types of gonorrhea which resist sulfa drugs, it was found almost wholly ineffective against others. In some cases, the Medical Corps found, bacteria develop a resistance to the drug which approached immunization.

Drug Has Failed

Of 313 selected cases of soldiers wounded in North Africa, Sicily, Italy or in the Pacific theater or infected from accidents in the U.S., all of which failed to respond to other treatment, including sulfa drugs, 247 showed definite improvement after penicillin, but the drug failed in the other cases because the infection was caused by bacteria now known to have definite resistance to penicillin.

Maj. Gen. Norton T. Kirk, army surgeon general, said "a huge amount of experimental work on penicillin remains to be done. We cannot yet estimate its exact field of usefulness, whether in the treatment of battle wounds or in the treatment of non-battle diseases and injuries. It remains to be tried in many infections which so far remain unexplored."

The surgeon general said 19 laboratories producing the drug now expected to be able to produce enough supplies for both military and civilian use in the U.S. by mid-1944.

Comedian to Mark Wedding

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 19—Thousands of miles separate Joe E. Brown and his wife Kathryn, but they will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary the day before Christmas by drinking a toast at 11 AM. The comedian is overseas entertaining American soldiers.

New Lip Mike



Planet Photo

Adapted for use with radio or interphone equipment, this tiny microphone, worn on the upper lip, now may be used by tank crews or by soldiers in other noisy spots where the hands must be free. It eliminates outside noises almost entirely. Control switch hangs from the neck.

Hams Across the Sea 10 Little Pigs Go To a GI Market In Suthun Style

EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Dec. 19—Ten miniature pigs, altogether 1,208 pounds of sizzling gastronomic tidbit, were hauled out of an open fire pit over the weekend as sniffling, hungry GIs grunted in approval at this touch of the Old South transplanted to Old England.

The occasion was a real Southern barbeque, replete with barbeque sauce, beer and cakes, as well as the roasted porkers, which was staged here Saturday night.

There even was soft music—a true Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara setting.

"This is the first time our British guests have seen a real Carolina barbeque," commented 1/Sgt. Henry Cabaniss, of Charlotte, N.C., who helped arrange it.

Purchased 25 Hogs in All

Explaining about the pigs, Sgt. Robert W. Paschal, of Birmingham, Ala., said they were part of 25 hogs the squadron purchased at Coonville farm in Middlesex last June.

The pigs were fattened on "combination salad," composed of kitchen leftovers and turnips and radishes from the squadron garden. The ten devoured Saturday night had been roasting since Friday morning.

The squadron also owns 200 chickens (which have yet to lay an egg) and 25 rabbits, which have done somewhat better along productive lines.

The barbeque, attended by a motley crowd of some 500—including members of the ATS, WACS, American Red Cross, the Air Force and SOS—was handled with professional flair by Sgt. Hodges, former warehouseman of Oakland, Cal., who baked the bread; Sgt. Paul Duval, former bartender in San Francisco, who helped dispense 11 barrels of beer; Sgt. Millard Cooley, of Lakesville, Miss., chief butcher of the party, and Capt. L. C. Traylor, of San Antonio, Tex., squadron commander.

Dance After Eats

Following the barbeque, a dance was held in the squadron recreation room.

Just how deep an impression the event made on the British guests was problematical.

"Well, what do you think of the barbeque?" a U.S. soldier asked his date at the dance.

"Barbeque?" she replied. I'm afraid I only know how to do the Suzy Q and jitterbug. . . ."

More Shows Due For ETO Circuit

Fourteen Units Touring Now Constitute Record But Others Are Coming

Although more USO-Camp Shows are playing ETO stations now than ever before, even more units are expected to be on the road soon, officials revealed yesterday. Fourteen units are swinging around the circuit this week.

"Words and Music," with a cast of new arrivals, takes its bow in Suffolk. The unit includes Johnny Woods, MC and comedian; Cabot and Dresden, adagio ballroom dancers; Joe Termini, comedian and instrumentalist; Dorothy Wenzel, singer and dancer; Evelyn Case, soprano; Cpl. Windley, pianist; Peggy Austini, Irissa Cooper, Sid Berman, Bryce Mackay and Michael Parkins, drummer.

Hank Ladd's outfit, "At Ease," is resting this week, and comedians Billy Gilbert and Ella McKenzie still are touring Northern Ireland with "Hullabaloo."

The other shows, with their locations for the week, are:

- Birmingham Area—"Swainline" Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and banjoist.
- Hampshire—"GI Gans," 12 soldier-stars. "Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Gail Manners, singer. "Band Wagon," Willie Shore, comedian and comedy dancer; Josephine Del Mar, singer and dancer, eight-piece GI band.
- Hertfordshire—"Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Dale and Faye, swing singers.
- Berkshire—"Rudy Starita and his Starlets," Rudy Starita, vibraphonist; Lillian Anderson, trombonist.
- Devon—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marion and Cliff Hall, comedians.
- Somerset—"Booms A Daisy," Ewon Hall, MC and singer; Consona and Melba, dance team.
- Wales—"Yankee Doodle," 13 soldier-troupers.
- Liverpool Area—"On With the Show," George Freems, MC and comedian; Canfield Smith, ventriloquist.
- Lincolnshire—"Fun Marches On," Don Rice, MC and comedian; Dorothy Deering, acrobatic dancer.
- Bedford—"USA Calling," Frankie Conville, comedian; Penny Beaumont, accordionist.

U.S. Lend-Lease Exports Set a Record in October

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—United States lend-lease food and agricultural commodities exported to Great Britain and Russia in October set a new record of 1,115,000,000 lb., the War Food Administration reported yesterday.

At the same time, U.S. Foreign Economic Administration announced that in the first ten months of this year beef and veal shipped abroad under lend-lease amounted to 1.2 per cent of this nation's supply. Shipments of milk products were 3.3 per cent, while butter shipments comprised 2.7 per cent.

Curb Service—the Only Missing Touch



The ETO equivalent of Joe's Bar-B-Q—that's what these lucky people found Saturday night at an air station party. Here WAC T/4s Evelyn Clement, 23, of Boston (left), and Josephine Ortenzo, 24, of Walden, N.Y., watch Sgt. Millard Cooley carving a choice bit of roast pork.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

And here Miss Jean Megson-Smith (left), Miss Dorothy Baggott and 1/Sgt. H. C. Cabaniss, of Charlotte, N.C., find an ex-pig to their liking.

Jimmy Hines Loses Attempt To Obtain Prison Release

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., Dec. 19—Former Tamany leader James J. Hines lost another attempt to obtain his release from prison when Supreme Court Justice Raymond E. Aldrich refused to review a Parole Board decision to defer any parole action in Hines' behalf until next May.

Aldrich held that the court cannot interfere with the board and that parole cannot be compelled by mandatory order. Hines is serving a four to eight-year term in Sing Sing following a conviction in 1940 on charges of contriving a lottery.

Nerves From Dead Grafted To the Living for 1st Time

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (UP)—For the first time in medical history, nerves from the bodies of dead persons have been grafted to the severed nerves of the living, according to a report in the journal of the American Medical Association.

A new surgical technique employing a special vitamin-fortified glue has made it possible to restore the functions of the peripheral nerves which, when undamaged, supply sensation and motion to the limbs, the journal said.

Yule Parties Highlight ARC Plans

Christmas parties for children will be held this week in virtually every American Red Cross service club.

Most clubs outside of London also have planned special dinners and dances for Christmas eve and day. Turkey will be on the dinner menus.

Programs for clubs in London are printed Thursday. Those for clubs outside of London follow:

- Grimsby**
Monday—Basketball, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Boys' Choir, 6:15 PM. Wednesday—Basketball, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Children's Christmas party, 3 PM; Christmas dance, 8 PM. Friday—"Fun Marches On," 8 PM; Christmas carols, 10:30 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 5:30 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM. Daily—Ice skating, 2:30 and 6:30 PM.
- Liverpool**
Tuesday—Mrs. Ballantine at piano, 6 PM; dancing class, 9 PM. Wednesday—Variety show, 8 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8 PM. Friday—Dance, 8 PM; candlelight service, 12 midnight. Saturday—Children's Christmas party, 2:30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Movies, 2 PM; tour of Liverpool, 2:30 PM; photographer in lounge, 3 PM; jam session and dance, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Bristol**
Monday—Movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Friday—Christmas eve party, 8 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 12 noon; tea, 4 PM; Christmas prom, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Movies, 2 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.
- Northampton**
Monday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8:30 PM. Wednesday—Children's party sponsored by GIs, 7 PM. Thursday—Staff party, 8:30 PM. Friday—Christmas Eve party, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 12 noon; GI show, 8:30 PM. Sunday—Solgrave Manor bus trip, 10 AM; tea dance, 3 PM; dance, 8:30 PM.
- Southampton**
Monday—Movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Recorded program, 7:30 PM. Friday—Carol singing, 8 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 5:30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Tour, 1 PM; open house, 2 PM; concert, 7 PM; movies, 8 PM.
- Shrewsbury**
Tuesday—Basketball and swimming, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7:30 PM. Thursday—

Dancing lessons, 7:30 PM. Friday—Basketball and swimming, 8 PM; Christmas carols, 9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Basketball, 2 PM; children's party, 3:30 PM; supper and dancing, 5 PM.

Bury St. Edmunds
Monday—Basketball, 5 PM; movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball, 5 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Dancing lessons, 7:30 PM; square dancing, 8:30 PM. Thursday—Basketball, 5 PM. Friday—Basketball, 5 PM; Christmas party, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Christmas carols, 10 AM; Dinner, 12 noon. Sunday—Tour of Bury St. Edmunds, 2 PM; dancing, 8 PM.

Norwich
Monday—Trim the tree, 7:30 PM. Tuesday—Christmas party for children, 3 PM; entertainment, 8 PM. Wednesday—Open house, 3:30 PM; Montana, Wyoming, Utah Colorado and New Mexico state night, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Open house, 3:30 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Friday—Open house, 3:30 PM; Christmas party, 8 PM. Saturday—Around the tree, 10 AM; tea dancing, 3:30 PM; lounge entertainment, 8 PM. Sunday—Musical tea, 3:30 PM.

Devizes
Monday—Bingo, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Movies, 7:30 PM. Friday—Trimming Christmas tree, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 1 PM; Christmas ball, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Children's party, 3 PM; dance, 7:30 PM.

Tamworth
Tuesday—Invitation to Bolshoi Manor club. Wednesday—Christmas party for war orphans, 3:30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 7:30 PM. Friday—Door prize night. Saturday—Open house, 3:5-5:30 PM and 7:30-10:30 PM. Sunday—Movies, 3:30 PM.

Bedford
Monday—Games night. Tuesday—Dancing class, 8 PM. Wednesday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Square dancing practice, 7:30 PM. Friday—Christmas eve GI show, 7:30 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 5:30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 8 PM.

Cleltenham
Monday—Camera club, 7:30 PM; fundamentals of mathematics for air crew trainees, 7:30 PM; photography class, 8 PM; beginners' dancing class, 8 PM; advanced dancing class, 9 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7:15 PM; movies, 8:15 PM. Wednesday—Advanced French class, 8:30 PM; German class, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Beginners' French class, 7 PM. Friday—7:45 PM; Christmas ball at Town

Special Service Exhibit Shows Range of Work

Unit Runs Giant Sports, Entertainment, Education And Publishing Business

An exhibition of Special Service facilities available for U.S. forces in the ETO—from linguaphone records and educational text books to athletic equipment and USO-Camp Shows—was officially opened over the weekend at 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1, and will be on display daily until further notice.

The exhibition, sponsored by Special Service Section, SOS, ETO, under Col. Oscar N. Solbert, includes facts and figures on the past history of Special Service in this theater as well as details on the varied educational, hospitality, athletic and entertainment benefits accessible to every unit in the theater.

The educational branch of Special Service, through which 40,000 books have been circulated to American forces in the United Kingdom and courses in 30 languages made available, displays text books on mechanics, meteorology, mathematics, military history, aviation, medicine and numerous other subjects. Also present are education officers' libraries, education aid material, group instruction aids and discussion guides.

To Special Service officers unaware of the entertainment facilities on hand for their troops the exhibition brings forth displays on the theatrical, cinema, music and radio sections.

Poster Show Progress

The progress of the cinema section is told by a poster which shows 328 movies in one week of October, 1942, were attended by only 29 per cent of troops, whereas during a week in October, 1943, 865 film shows were seen by 78 per cent.

The theatrical section which makes possible USO, ENSA and soldier shows also provides transportation, portable stages, sound devices and everything else required for the shows. To bring Bob Hope, Martha Raye, Al Jolson, Adolphe Menjou, Frances Langford, Merle Oberon and other stars to camps, Special Service transportation travels 11,000 miles a month in buses and trucks. To circulate The Stars and Stripes and Yank, 46 Special Service vehicles cover 125,000 miles monthly around the British Isles.

The athletic display on exhibition includes equipment for boxing, baseball, softball, football, table tennis, badminton, tennis, soccer, track and wrestling. It also brings forth aid in arranging tournaments like the ETO boxing, basketball, football, track and field, softball and swimming championships staged in the past.

One of the most active branches of Special Service, judging by the exhibition, is the music section which furnishes master record programs, orchestra arrangements, song leaders' classes, assistance in arranging soldier theatrical productions, bands for special occasions, organization of bands, glee clubs and orchestras, advice on furlough, the teaching and organizing of pocket instrument groups. Orchestras for over 40 dances a week are supplied through Special Service.

For radio entertainment Special Service has the American Forces Network which daily sends out over special transmitters transcribed programs from America as well as broadcasts emanating from Britain.

Mrs. Zena Groves, display room director, is available at the exhibition from 9 AM to 6 PM for information concerning Special Service facilities.

ARC Plans

Hall, 8:45 PM. Friday—American-British musical circle, 7:45 PM; Christmas carols, 9 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 12 noon; music, 10 PM. Sunday—Informal concert hour, 2:30 PM; dance, 3 PM and 7 PM.

Warrington
Monday—Recordings, 6 PM; movies, 8 PM; community singing, 9:30 PM. Tuesday—Recordings, 6 PM; dance, 8 PM; boxing, wrestling and weight lifting, 1 PM; male chorus, 8 PM; craft class, 5:30 PM. Wednesday—Recordings, 6 PM; crafts, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dancing class, 8:15 PM; bingo, 9:30 PM.

Hanley
Monday—Games night, 7 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 7 PM; square dancing, 8 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Wedgwood Pottery, 10 AM; dance, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Table tennis match, 7 PM. Friday—Christmas party for children, 12 noon; movies, 7 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 12 noon; movies, 2 PM; dance, 7:30 PM. Sunday—Coffee hour, 4 PM.

Newbury
Monday—Classical recordings, 7:30 PM; movies, 8:30 PM. Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 8 PM. Thursday—Christmas dance, 8 PM. Friday—Children's Christmas party, 3 PM; Christmas eve program, 8 PM. Saturday—Dart board contests, 11 AM; bingo, 3 PM; bridge, 4 PM; Christmas dinner, 6 PM; soldier show, "Melodies and Mirth," 8:30 PM; carol singing, 10 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM; movies, 7:30 PM.

Chester
Monday—Carol singing rehearsal, 9 PM; community singing, 10 PM. Tuesday—Dancing instruction, 7 PM; dance, 7:30 PM; floor show, 9 PM. Wednesday—Recorded Christmas music, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Dancing instruction, 7 PM; dance, 7:30 PM; floor show, 9 PM. Friday—Recorded Christmas music, 12 noon; carol singing, 8 PM; musicale, 8 PM; party, 10 PM. Saturday—Bob Crago and his guitar, 2 PM; Chester choir, 4:30 PM; dinner 6 PM; dance, 9 PM. Sunday—Piano music, 10:30 AM; tea dance, 3 PM.

Exeter
Monday—Classical recordings, 9 PM. Tuesday—Jewish service at Synagogue, 5 PM; social at University College, 6 PM; beginners' dancing lessons, 8 PM; advanced dancing lessons, 9 PM. Wednesday—Square dancing, 7:30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 8:30 PM. Friday—Christmas preparation party, 7:30 PM; tree party, 10 PM. Saturday—Christmas dinner, 12 noon; party for sick children, 3 PM; dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; Mrs. Rogers at piano, 4 PM; Mr. Still, cartoonist, 8:45 PM.

American League Pitchers Led by Spud Chandler

Yankee Hurler Had Best ERA, Most Victories

New York Mound Corps Topped Circuit With 2.93 Average

CHICAGO, Dec. 19—Official figures on American League pitching averages released today confirm the fact that Spurgeon "Spud" Chandler, Yankee right-hander who won 20 and lost four last season, is one of the outstanding pitchers seen in recent years in the majors.

Chandler's won-lost record led league percentages with .833 and his 1.64 earned run average was the lowest in the majors since 1919, when Walter Johnson allowed 1.49 for the Washington Senators. The nearest approach was Carl Hubbell's 1.66 in '36.



Spud Chandler

The 34-year-old Georgian, who won the League's most valuable player award, shared with Dizzy Trout, of Detroit, the mark of five shutouts during the season and with Tex Hughson, of the Red Sox, the most complete games pitched—20. Chandler won 19 of 20 complete games.

Pitched 223 Innings

With Chandler as the pacemaker, the Yankee staff led the League with 2.93 earned runs. His team mate, Ernie Bonham, allowed 2.27 in 226 innings. Mace Brown, of the Red Sox, and George Caster, of the Browns, had better averages than Bonham, but neither pitched 100 innings. Chandler pitched 223.

Allie Reynolds, of Cleveland, led the circuit in strikeouts with 151. White Sox Orval Grove had the longest winning streak with nine and Luman Harris, of the Athletics, had the longest losing streak with 13. Harris lost the most games, 21, and allowed the most earned runs, 101.

Joe McCarthy Lauds Gordon

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 19—Joe Gordon's decision to enter the armed forces is not surprising to Joe McCarthy, New York Yankees' manager.

"It's just one of those things and adds another of baseball's greats to the war effort," said Joe.

Meanwhile, in their New York offices, Yankee officials said they had not received word from Gordon, but believe he is sincere in his plans to enlist. This means that George Stirnweiss will play second base next season.

Mack Releases Brucker Who Seeks Manager's Post

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19—Earle Brucker, veteran catcher and coach of the Philadelphia Athletics, has been given an unconditional release by Connie Mack to seek a managerial job.

"Earle will make a good manager," Mack said. "But if he doesn't connect some place as a manager, he will come back to us as a coach."

Oakland in the Pacific Coast League was reported seeking him before signing Dolph Camilli, former Brooklyn and Giant property.

Red Smith Quits Packers; To Keep Diamond Post

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 19—The veteran assistant coach of the Green Bay Packers, Red Smith, has resigned. Smith is remaining here this winter and then resuming coaching duties with the Milwaukee baseball team in the American Association.

Curly Lambeau, head coach, says that the team prefers a full-time coach and End Don Hutson was signed in that capacity. Smith helped Lambeau eight years and is a former Notre Dame star.

Cubs Sign Roy Johnson As First Base Coach

CHICAGO, Dec. 19—General Manager Jimmy Gallagher, of the Chicago Cubs, has announced the reappointment of Roy Johnson who managed the Lockport, N.Y., team in the Pony League last season as coach for the Cubs.

Johnson's former association with the Cubs extended from 1935 through 1939. It is expected that Johnson will coach at first base with Milton Stock, signed at the recent league meetings, holding forth at third.

Giants Get Becker for Moss

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—The New York Giants have traded Outfielder Howard Moss, who played last year with Jersey City, to the Baltimore Orioles for 34-year-old Catcher Joe Becker. Becker has played organized ball nine years and had trials with the Indians and Cardinals.

Trojans Hit by Flu, Practice Curtailed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19—One-third of Southern California's team is bedded with influenza and the training schedule for the Rose Bowl game has been seriously curtailed. Three-quarters of the regular backfield is sick, but convalescing.

The Washington team is in good shape and due in Southern California next week, strengthened by the addition of Jim McCurdy, former Stanford center now at Washington under the Navy V-12 program.

Sid Bull First In Flier Run

Fighter Harriers Annex Cross-Country Team Crown

By Sid Schapiro

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Dec. 19—In what turned out to be a dual command cross-country race over a three-mile course near here yesterday, Fighter Command outpointed Bomber Command, 25 to 30, to win the Eighth Air Force championship. Composite Command produced only one runner, while Service Command was not represented at all.

Among the 14 participants, S/Sgt. Sidney Bull, of Lexington, Mass., overcame water hazards, thick brush, logs—and plenty of mud—to cross the finish line in 16 minutes flat to gain top individual honors as well as racking up his third track triumph in ETO competition.

Previously the former captain of the 1942 Dartmouth cross-country team captured the mile run at Tooting Common, London, last summer, with a time of 4:48.8, and only two weeks ago, in the Fighter Command eliminations, did a three-mile distance in 15:02.

Dohrs is Second

The lone Composite Command harrier, 1/Lt. Fred Dohrs, of Evanston, Ill., former Michigan State ('36 and '37) and Northwestern ('40 and '41) long-distance runner, came in second by a minute. Although a medalist, Dohrs was not considered in the final team scoring. Consequently, the runners behind him automatically moved up one position, and the first five men of each team to finish determined the final team points.

Sgt. Jim Pemberton, of Isle of Man, England, Bomber Command, and Cpl. Doyle Clenney, of Holdenville, Okla., Fighter Command, placed third and fourth with times of 17:30 and 18 minutes.

The Bomber Command hope, Pvt. Hugh Black, of Massillon, Ohio, who did a two and three-quarter mile course in 12:58 a week ago, failed to come through. He placed eighth.

The first four places were awarded medals and the victorious team a cup.

Undefeated Quintets Set Pace In Three CBS Cage Loops

By Royce Eckwright

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

Central Base Section basketball leagues go into their third week of play tonight with two teams tied for top spot in each of the three leagues. Two MP quintets lead the pack in the CBS League with three triumphs and no losses; the —QM Depot and Navy quintets also are tied up at three victories and no losses in the Marble Arch League, and Headquarters Company and the —Engineers are knotted for first place with three decisions in the Mayfair League.

The hottest game of the season to date is expected tonight when the two undefeated MP quintets of the CBS League tangle at 9 PM. Paced by top scorer of all the leagues, Sgt. Peter J. Monfre, a Milwaukee boy, who has totalled 37 points in three games, one MP outfit has an average of 30 points a game. The other nightstick five boasts the leagues' second high scorer in S/Sgt. Harold Heath, also a Wisconsin boy, who has hooped 34 markers in their three contests to spark them to easy wins over the POE, the Marines and the —Engineers.

Jolting Giant

By Pap



Injuries Riddle Washington, Boost Odds on Giant Eleven

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—Betting odds on the New York Giant-Washington Redskin game here today have jumped the Giants to 8-5 favorites to win the Eastern Division title in the National Football League.

The fact that three Washington stars—Tackle Wee Willie Wilkin, 269-pounder from St. Mary's; Guard Dick Farnum, ex-Washington State player, and Halfback Wilbur Moore, former Minnesota star—are not expected to play because of injuries have zoomed the Giants into the favorite's seat to score their third successive triumph over the Marshallmen and earn the right to meet the Chicago Bears for the world championship at Chicago Dec. 26.

Moore, who suffered a hip injury two weeks ago and had two blood transfusions last week, reported to Coach Dutch Bergman at Rye, N.Y., and asked permission to play. Farnum definitely will not play and Wilkin may see brief action only as his knee bothers him.

The Giants have only one man on the shelf, Guard Charlie Avedisian, of Providence, R.I., who is stricken with the flu and is confined to St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Carlisle TKOs Sogue

SBS HQ, Dec. 19—Pvt. Don Carlisle, of Detroit, 135, chalked up his second victory in as many starts in the SBS by scoring a TKO over Pvt. Eli Sogue, of San Jose, Cal., 135, in the feature event here Friday before 1,000 fans.

CAGE RESULTS

Friday's Games

- Canisius 48, Baldwin Wallace 40
- Iowa Pre-Flight 65, St. Ambrose 28
- Kansas 32, Ft. Riley 31
- LIU 56, Rider 42
- Marshall 46, Maryland 39
- Sampson Naval 59, Ft. Ontario 30
- West Virginia 51, Fairmont Teachers 31

Saturday's Games

- East**
- Albright 53, Brigham Young 49
 - Brooklyn Poly 51, Brooklyn College 44
 - Brown 66, CCNY 61
 - Coast Guard 46, Columbia 45
 - Colgate 63, RPI 56
 - Connecticut 42, Wesleyan 33
 - Franklin and Marshall 43, Bloomsburg 42
 - Lafayette 43, Lehigh 30
 - NYU 52, St. Francis 30
 - Penn 57, Cornell 51
 - Penn State 41, Washington and Jefferson 34
 - St. John's (Brooklyn) 44, Detroit 31
 - Yale 39, Harvard 35
- Midwest**
- Central Michigan 67, Kalamazoo 29
 - De Paul 81, Indiana 43
 - Great Lakes 58, Purdue 52
 - Illinois 39, Missouri 29
 - Iowa 54, Monmouth 29
 - Marquette Navy 43, Wisconsin Reserves 35
 - Minnesota 31, Iowa State 28
 - Northwestern 48, Notre Dame 32
 - Oberlin 52, Case 44
 - Western Michigan 48, Michigan 38
 - Wisconsin 40, Marquette 37

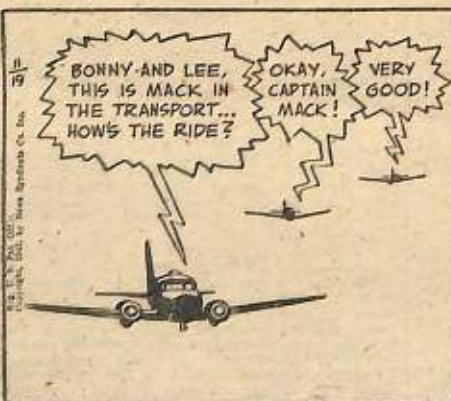
- South**
- Georgia Pre-Flight 47, Robins Field 33
 - Kentucky 58, Cincinnati 30
 - Naval Operating Base 50, Virginia 20
- Southwest**
- Arkansas 65, Springfield Missouri Teachers 49
 - Norman Naval Air Station 51, Oklahoma 29
 - Oklahoma Aggies 42, Temple 37
 - Southwestern 57, Baylor 28
 - Texas Tech 39, Texas Christian 37
- Far West**
- Coast Artillery 65, St. Mary's 17
 - Gonzaga 59, Idaho 29
 - St. Mary's Pre-Flight 30, Pacific 26
 - Southern Cal 33, Roosevelt Naval 30
 - UCLA 50, Redlands 26

Wildcats Claw Irish, 48-32, Behind Graham, Schadler

CHICAGO, Dec. 19—Otto Graham and Benny Schadler each poured 16 points through the baskets to lead Northwestern's quintet to a 48-32 victory over Notre Dame here last night.

Racking up their first victory in two games, the Wildcats cruised into a 21-9 halftime advantage and never permitted the Irish to come within seven points of catching up thereafter.

Terry and the Pirates



NYU, Redmen Win in Garden, Stay Unbeaten

Violets Smash St. Francis, 52-30; St. John's Tops Detroit

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—New York University and St. John's of Brooklyn maintained their undefeated status in Madison Square Garden last night, the Violets swamping St. Francis of Brooklyn, 52-30, and the Redmen scalping Detroit University, 44-31.

It was NYU's third straight victory and the fourth for St. John's. While the Violets had easy going after the first five minutes with St. Francis, St. John's found Detroit's quintet, composed mostly of freshmen, much tougher opponents. Bill Kosores paced St. John's through the winning drive which started five minutes after the second half opened.

The Redmen opened the game with a six-point lead, but Detroit then found the basket and pulled even at 9-9 with the help of Joe Smith, who was high man with 15 points. Dick McGuire then netted two goals, putting the Redmen ahead at nine minutes and the Titans never caught them.

Kosores was high man for St. John's with 12 markers.

Minnesota Upsets Iowa State, 31-28

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 19—Minnesota's Gophers scored a basketball upset here last night with a 31-28 victory over Iowa State. The Gophers picked up an 18-9 advantage at the half and held the lead until the final gun.

Iowa State's twin brothers, Forwards Ray and Roy Wehde, and Center Gene Oulman were chased in the second half for personal fouls, but substitutes Lloyd Kester and Jim Meyer started shooting and made the score 29-28 as the game neared its end. However, Bill Pepper, Minnesota guard, ended the threat and the ball game with a set shot.

Arnold Lehrman, Gopher forward, was high man with eight points while Roy Wehde and Meyer led the Cyclones with seven each.

Brigham Young Loses

READING, Pa., Dec. 19—Little Albright College defeated Brigham Young, 53-49, in a basketball game here last night which saw the score tied 11 times. Albright took the decision in the last two minutes on field goals by Sterling Richenbach and Tony Stinch which broke a 49-49 deadlock. Neal Walling of Brigham Young was high man with 15 markers.

Illini Overcome Missouri, 39-29

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 19—Overcoming a 20-13 lead at half time, Illinois' quintet defeated the Tigers of Missouri, 39-29, here last night. The Illini were led by Dick Foley, former Paris (Ill.) High School star, who dropped in 16 points. Dan Pippin and Paul Collins each poured in eight for Missouri.

Quakers Nip Cornell, 57-51

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19—Pennsylvania defeated a determined Cornell cage aggregation, 57-51, at Convention Hall here last night. Bob Gale, Cornell center, was high scorer for the evening with 20 points while Quaker Center Bill Forsyth led the winners with 16.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.

Lost

MY OFFICER'S CAP was taken by mistake and another left in its place at the Officers' Mess in London on Nov. 10. Mine has "Lilley Ames Co., Columbus, Ohio" label inside. Will re-exchange via Help Wanted. Major Thomas B. Sprague.

SHAVING KIT containing Baby Brownie camera, film, toilet articles, dog tag, etc. Cpl. Herbert J. Heichelbech, c/o Help, Wanted.

SEND your name, rank, college, year, fraternity, unit and APO to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4. From time to time as new names are added to the lists, you will be sent names and addresses of fellow alumni in this theater who have registered.

By Milton Caniff

Five Former Pros on All-America Service Team

SERVICE ALL-AMERICA 1943

RAY BRAY—Tackle
Del Monte Pre-Flight

JOHN MELLUS
Tackle, Camp Davis

DICK TODD—Back
Iowa Pre-Flight

LEN ESHMONT—Back
Pre-Flight

GLENN DOBBS—Back
Randolph Field

GARRARD RAMSEY
Guard, Bainbridge

MARION ROGERS
Guard, So. Plains Army

BRUCE SMITH
Back
St. Mary's Pre-Flight

BOB FITCH—End
Camp Lejeune

JACK RUSSELL—End
Blackland Army

VINCE BANONIS
Center—Iowa Pre-Flight

Dobbs, Smith, Todd, Eshmont Are in Backfield

Line Averages 209; Squad Evenly Divided Between Army and Navy

By Orlo Robertson

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—With the Iowa and Del Monte Pre-Flight schools landing two places each, the Associated Press Service All-America for 1943 presents an array of football talent that includes three former members of the college All-America and five players who starred in professional ranks before donning Uncle Sam's uniform.

The eleven includes the aces of nine service units from every section of the United States. Five of the players are in the Army, the same number in the Navy and the eleventh is a Coast Guardsman from the marine base at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Here is the line-up: ends, Chief Specialist Robert Fitch, Camp Lejeune; and Sgt. Jack Russell, Blackland (Tex.) Army Air Field; tackles, Cpl. Johnny Mellus, Camp Davis, N.C. and Ensign Raymond Bray, Del Monte (Calif.) Pre-Flight; guards, Seaman 2/C Garrard Ramsey, Bainbridge, Md., Naval Training Station, and Sgt. Marion Rogers, South Plains (Texas) Army Air Field; center, Ensign Vincent Banonis, Iowa Pre-Flight; backs, Cpl. Glenn Dobbs, Randolph Field (Texas), Lieut. (j.g.) Len Eshmont, Del Monte Pre-Flight; Ensign Dick Todd, Iowa Pre-Flight, and Cadet Bruce Smith, St. Mary's Pre-Flight.

Ramsey Played for W and M

Dobbs, whose aerial display at Randolph was something to behold, made the college All-America last year while pacing Tulsa University to an undefeated season, and Ramsey won guard honors on the all-college eleven in '42 with William and Mary. Smith, who played last year for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, was an All-America back in 1941 while an undergraduate at Minnesota.

The ex-pros are Todd, who starred for the Washington Redskins after leaving Texas A. and M.; Eshmont, a Fordham ace before moving on to the New York Giants; Mellus, who also played for the Giants after being graduated from Villanova; Banonis, one of the best centers in the National League while playing with the Chicago Cardinals, and Bray, a bulwark on the championship Chicago Bears' line. Banonis played college ball for the University of Detroit and Bray for Western Michigan.

Fitch won his football spurs at Minnesota, Russell at Baylor and Rogers at Little Maryville in Missouri.

The line averages 209 pounds, with all except Rogers and Ramsey tipping the scales above the 200 mark. The backfield balances the weights at an average of 186, with Todd the lightest at 175 and Dobbs the heaviest at 195.

All Are Kickers

The four backs form an almost perfect combination, with Dobbs doing the passing, Eshmont and Todd the broken field running, Smith the plunging, and any one of them the kicking.

Dobbs lost none of his cunning when he left the college ranks. The six-foot, four-inch Oklahoman probably gave his greatest pitching performance when he completed 29 out of 46 aerials in Randolph Field's 20-13 conquest of the North Texas Aggies.

Eshmont was the best running back and a great punter on a team that lost only to the College of Pacific, 6-0, and included such fine backs as Parker Hall, of the Cleveland Rams, and Paul Christman, of Missouri. While the Iowa Seahawks lacked a top passer, Todd made their ground attack a feared weapon, especially in the 14-13 loss to Notre Dame.

Smith needs no introduction to football fans. He was great at Minnesota, great at Great Lakes and probably the best back on the West Coast this season.

Outstanding Ends

In Fitch and Russell, the Service All-America has an outstanding pair of ends. Russell was All-Southwest Conference flankman last year. He probably turned in his best game against Randolph Field, repeatedly breaking through and tossing Dobbs for losses. In addition to playing a brilliant offensive and defensive game, Fitch dropped back to do the kicking for Camp Lejeune, averaging close to 50 yards with his left-footed boots.

Mellus, who was on the second college All-America in 1937, was credited with making 70 per cent of the tackles for Camp Davis and few were the yards gained through his position. Bray was a bulwark on an outstanding Del Monte line that opened the way for long gains by the Pre-Flighters' speedy backs.

Rogers did even better with tackles in Texas service circles, say our informants in that sector. He made 85 per cent of South Plains' tackles, using his comparatively light weight of 185 pounds to an advantage on quick breaks through opponents' defenses. Ramsey, playing on an undefeated team, was even better than last year when he was a terror on both offense and defense in collegiate competition.

Center Banonis didn't make a bad pass all season, and against Notre Dame he rose to his greatest heights in helping break up the Irish T formation.

Angott Beats Bobby Ruffin

NBA Champ Forced to Go All Out to Triumph in Non-Title Bout

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—Sammy Angott, recognized by the National Boxing Association as lightweight champion of the world, outpointed Bobby Ruffin, leading contender, in a hard-fought, ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

The battle was well fought and so close that the officials disagreed. Referee Frank Fullam and Judge Bill Healy voted for Angott while Judge Bob Cunningham thought Ruffin won.

The title was not at stake and, to assure this, Angott insisted that Ruffin drink a quart of orange juice and eat a quantity of gelatin before entering the ring as Bobby was under the lightweight limit at weigh in time.

Angott had the advantage of superior strength and an unorthodox, roughhouse style. His wrestling tactics were something Ruffin could not solve. Bobby, however, straightened him up with well-timed punches in savage exchanges. The consensus showed five rounds for Angott, three for Ruffin and two even.

First Entry for Derby Received—From Hawaii

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19—The first nomination for the 1944 Kentucky Derby was announced from Miss Ruth Collins, of Honolulu.

Col. Matt Winn announced the receipt of Miss Collins' entry for Kope Kona. Winn added that Kope Kona and four other horses are en route from Hawaii and expected in Kentucky about Jan. 1.

Luke Appling Sworn In
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19—Luke Appling already has been sworn in as a private and has been ordered to Camp Sheridan, Ill., for his first taste of Army life.

Vic Schwall Receives Two Varsity Letters

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 19—Winning football letters from two schools in one season was a rare athletic feat performed by Vic Schwall this past season.

He was a freshman backfield ace at Northwestern University, qualifying for the usual back N. Then after he entered service as a Naval cadet, and was assigned to DePauw, he competed on that team, again qualifying for a letter.

Leafs Smother Chicago Six, 8-4

TORONTO, Dec. 19—The Toronto Maple Leafs soundly trounced the Chicago Black Hawks, 8-4, in the only National League hockey game last night.

Billy Mosienko scored for Chicago and Gus Bodnar for Toronto in the first period, but from then on it was all Toronto. The Leafs tallied four times in the second period.

Johnny Marois, 18-year-old goal tender for the Leafs, made his debut and performed brilliantly.

Marchie Schwartz Receives One-Year Leave of Absence

PALO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 19—Marchie Schwartz, head football coach at Stanford University and athletic director since the school abandoned football, has received a one-year leave of absence to accept a job with a Wichita, Kan., oil company.

School officials pointed out that the leave does not mean that Schwartz, former Notre Dame All-American backfield star, is severing connections with the school nor does it definitely mean that Stanford will not play football next year.

Steve Warga Shoots 71 in Mud To Lead Miami Open Tourney

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 19—Steve Warga, Miami war worker, shot a one over par 71 in the mud yesterday to hold the lead in the annual Miami Open golf tournament with a 210 score at the 54th hole.

Aviator Johnny Bulla, of Atlanta, Ga., had the hottest round of the competition yesterday, shooting a five under par 65 to move into the second-place slot with an aggregate score of 213.

Craig Wood, duration National Open titleholder, faded from the picture with a 76 for a 219 total. Joe Zarhardt, of Norristown, Pa., shot a 73 and moved into a third place tie with Sammy Byrd, who finally hit his stride with a 69 for a 214.

Ensign Willie Turnesa, former National Amateur champ, shot a 71 for a total of 215 to head the amateurs. Earl Christiansen, Miami detective, is second to Turnesa among the amateurs with 218.

Angels Smear QMs, 62-40, Despite Baker's 18 Points

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Dec. 19—The ASC Angels rebounded from Tuesday's whipping to take vengeance on a weak Quartermaster five, 62-40, despite the herculean efforts of slim Sgt. Bill Baker, who dropped in 18 points for the fighting QM.

Little Arthur D. Miller, of Chicago, and reliable Reid J. Moy, of Galaway, N.Y., teamed up to lead the Angels to their high-water mark of the campaign, scoring 13 and 12 markers each. It was a riddled ASC lineup, depleted by the transference of three stars and their coach S/Sgt. Jim Bolger, of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., but considerably bolstered by promising newcomers Cpl. Malcolm Gordon, of Baltimore, who hooped 12 points, and Pvt. Jackson Flynt, of Winston-Salem, N.C., who was outstanding in his floor play.

Hockey League Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	12	2	3	27	Chicago	9	8	0	18
Toronto	9	7	2	20	Detroit	5	6	3	13
Boston	8	7	3	19	New York	1	14	1	3

Sweden's Haegg Wins AP Poll as 'Athlete of Year'

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—Gunder Haegg has been named by the Associated Press "Athlete of the Year." Haegg, winner of eight straight races in America last summer, received 27 of 69 first place votes.

Haegg is the first foreigner to win the honor in the 13-year history of the poll. Yankee Pitcher Spud Chandler was second followed by Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame football player, and Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam, holder of the world's pole vault record.

Cardinals Add Allentown To Diamond Farm System

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 19—The franchise and physical assets of the Allentown Fleetwings of the Interstate League were added yesterday to the St. Louis Cardinal farm system, according to Alvin Butz, Allentown president.

The team has operated in the red for five years, and the sale was approved by the stockholders. The Wings had a working agreement with the Cardinals last year.

Dartmouth Program Curtailed

HANOVER, N.H., Dec. 19—Taking precautions against the spread of a mild cold and flu epidemic, officials have postponed all athletic events at Dartmouth's Navy V-12 school.

LIL ABNER

WE WASHED SEV'RAL HUNDRED DISHES SO TH' FELLA SAYS WE C'D TAKE OUR PAY IN FOOD—BUT (GULP)—IT DON'T AMOUNT T' MUCH 'IN CAVAR CANAPES!!' WHARS PAPPY?

WHO IS YO' CHASIN' PAPPY?

TH' MURDERER!!

YO' MEANS YO' MET HIM FACE TO FACE?

IN A MANNER O' SPEAKIN'—YES!!

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Future Pacific Trends

Hard-won victories in the Southwest Pacific during the past year have brought beginnings of eventual victory and are of great strategic importance despite their limited scope.

Seizure of Tawara Island and other islands in the Gilbert group and heavy raids on the Marshalls are both examples of the trend of future operations, while seizure of a firm bridgehead on New Britain's Cape Merkus by elements of the American Sixth Army at last brings our advance to grips with the main centers of Jap resistance in the South Pacific, indicative of our growing strength.

These New Britain landings may be said to have two objectives: The securing of air bases within easy reach of Gasmata and Rabaul and interruption of Japanese communications along the south coast of New Britain.

Our foothold, secured in the face of considerable difficulties, was made possible through use of Buffalo, Alligator and assault barges in large number. The Alligator, an amphibious armored vehicle, has been widely used in the Solomons; the Buffalo is an improved model, never used before. Both are propelled through the water by the same rubberized track which enables them to be used on land.

This equipment and the strength and speed of our several recent attack show plainly how the military balances have been changing against Japan and how rapidly the inherent weakness of her positions is beginning to accumulate as we profit from our air and sea superiority and in the face of "dispersal" forced upon the Japs as they fight defensively.

Soon we will be able to penetrate far enough to capture the keystone of the Japanese defensive arch in the Southwest Pacific, and the arch will collapse, causing a military tidal wave to form that will never end until it is washed high on the shores of the Japanese mainland.

Nerve Surgery Helped

A new metal known as tantalum is making amazing military advances in delicate nerve repair possible, claim surgeons at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

As a result, fewer men will return from World War II permanently crippled by paralyzing nerve injuries to legs and arms.

Until recently the corrective surgery for nerve injury left scar tissue which bound nerves and prevented freedom of action. Not so when tantalum is used, for it leaves no scar tissue and becomes in fact a part of the human tissue.

The new metal was not put into production until 1922 and was formerly mined exclusively in Australia. Our own supply, however, now comes from mines discovered in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and with its application to nerve surgery cases proved, it adds to the great work that sulfa drugs and penicillin are doing to give new hope to the sick and injured.

With its widening use, medical science takes another great step forward in its steady march of progress.

New Ration

May be someone has told somebody else that even such delicacies as spam and powdered eggs lose their popularity in the third year of war, for the U.S. Quartermaster has disclosed details of the new field and combat ration, called the 10-in-1 because its 45-pound carton provides one full day's food for ten soldiers.

The ration is produced in five different menus, each complete down to cigarettes, matches, water-purifying tablets, can openers, soap and paper towels.

One feature of the ration is corned beef hash. It is the first combination of dehydrated and pre-cooked food with meat, not including soup, that has been accepted for Army use.

Not only is the hash equal in taste, nutritive value and appearance to the kind the soldiers "used to get at home" (probably enemy propaganda) but it is easily prepared in ten minutes after the addition of water, according to food technicians employed by the firm now packing the new product.

Other foods included in the 10-in-1 ration are canned pineapple-riced pudding, canned cheese, canned sliced bacon and roast beef, canned ham and eggs and bacon and eggs, and newly developed compressed fruit bars and concentrated powders said to provide the equal of orange, lemon and grape juice when water is added. Cereal, pre-mixed with milk, cream and sugar, likewise is an innovation.

Wives and mothers of service men overseas who have eaten the new ration praise it highly . . . so there must be more to it than a rumor. Anyway . . . after three years of spam we'll be glad to try it.

Hash Marks

Unusual Gifts Dept. S/Sgt. Samuel Winterfield, of Long Island (now in the ETO), was quite recently the surprised recipient of a set of paper dolls clothes to be cut out and carefully fit upon paper dolls of the "Tillie The Toiler" type.

We guess the title of AWOL Champion goes to John W. Marshall hands down. He has been "absent" for 60 years, but



he's back at an Army camp now as a civilian employee. Marshall, who is 80 years old, told officers that he escaped from GUARD DUTY in Missouri in 1883. Army legal minds have decided that the statute of limitations has run out on the offense by now.

A mother-in-law joke from T/5 Max Harris. Max doesn't like to eat dinner at his ma-in-law's—the main dish is always tongue!

The Name In Initials Club now has a cheer leader—Robert Anthony Hanley Halpin—Rah, Rah, Rah!

Confoosin' but amoozin'! If you're interested in novel names, let's take a look at the Post Special Service Office at the Eighth Air Force Hq. Field. Captain Colonel (his real first name) Willis is chief; and education project clerk is WAC Corporal A. Sergeant.

Herry A. Sherman produces wild west horse opera films. The other day he was walking down a Hollywood street and a horse came over and kicked him, breaking his leg. We think we saw that same film.

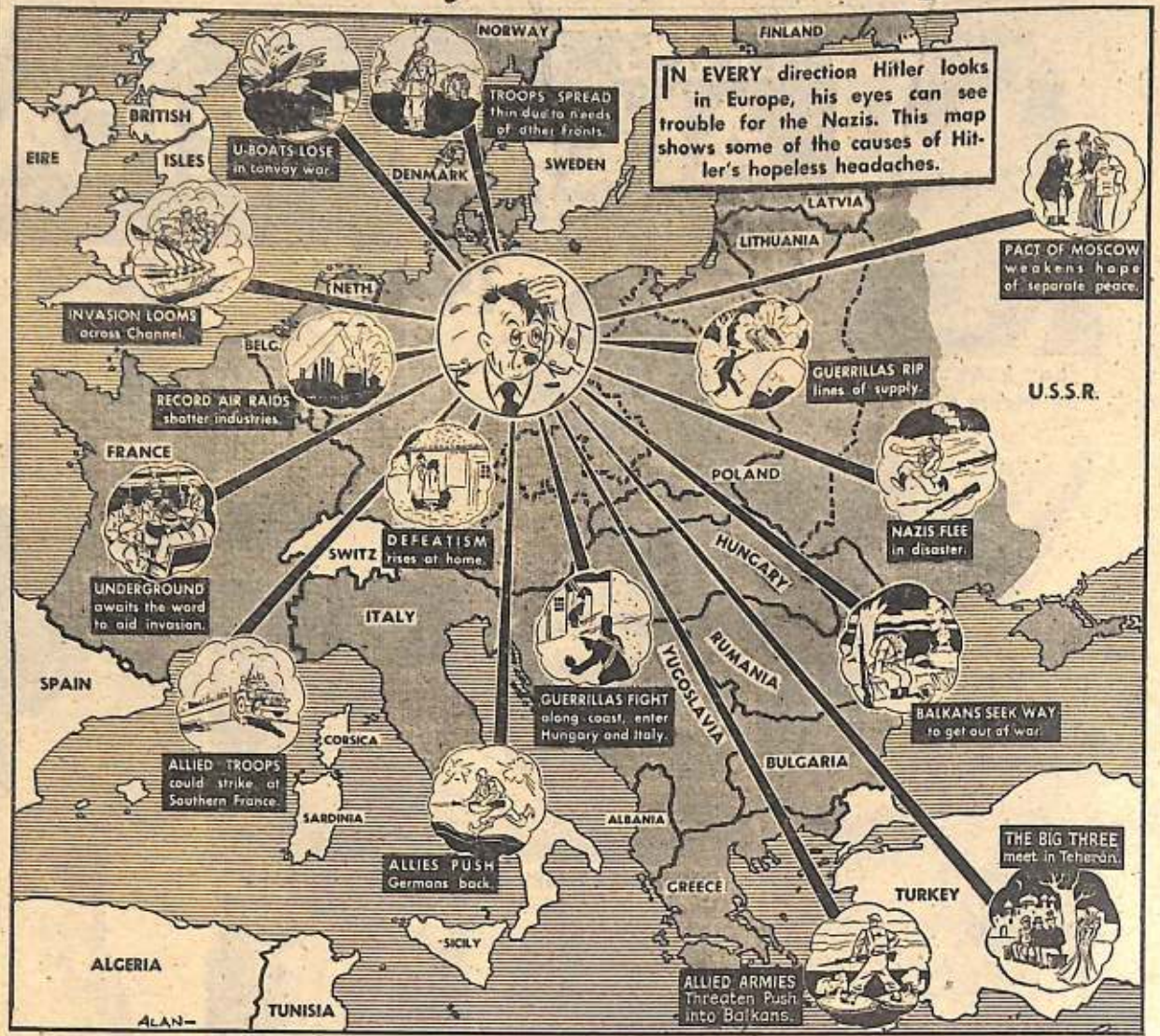
This revealing story was relayed by Pat Cogan of the Red Cross. An important midnight conference was being held at



headquarters. The young soldier at the switchboard was working his head off with calls all over North Africa. The GI had a slight fever but he didn't want to tell anybody about it. Finally, though, there was a lull in the conference and his captain ordered him to lie down for awhile. About an hour later he awoke from his badly needed doze and heard the switchboard going full blast. Wondering who could have possibly replaced him at 2 AM he went back to his board—found General Eisenhower running the board for his own conference.

J. C. W.

Hitler—Worry Wart of Europe Now



The Rat of Rats Is Caught in His Own Festung Trap

A weary, ageing Hitler, irritated and depressed, is the portrait painted by recent reports seeping out of Berlin. His war headaches are multiplying daily as the United Nations complete an invasion ring around German-occupied Europe.

A remorseless movement of Allied soldiers, guns and ships—already massing for the main assault, according to reliable sources in Washington—presses the headaches harder on Hitler.

New fronts will open while winter still covers the greater part of Europe, according to these Washington sources. Other American estimates place a mass invasion date as "late March or early April."

Headaches for Hitler . . . His armies on the run in Russia, his armies slowly falling back in Italy, Turkey moving closer to the Allies.

The Balkan satellites—Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria—are wavering toward the Allies. Portugal, by turning over the Azores to us, has proved it's safe for the little neutrals to side against Germany. Finland seems to be a party to an "undeclared armistice" with Russia. Headaches . . . USAAF and RAF

bombers have pulverized vital industries and made millions homeless in Germany. German submarines are being sunk faster than the Germans can build new ones, according to reports.

Headaches . . . Underground movements in occupied countries are killing German troops, blowing up bridges, bombing railroad lines, and even opening up, in Yugoslavia, what amounts to a minor battle front.

A many-pronged invasion ranging from Norway to Brittany? Invasion of the Balkans? Re-entry by French forces from the Mediterranean into France? An Allied landing in Denmark? . . .

More headaches for Hitler, as he tries to figure where the blows will come, how many, how hard.

"If you could see great troopships steaming their way toward Britain through turbulent December seas," a Reuter's correspondent wrote from an American East Coast port, "you would know why Americans are increasingly expectant of an invasion of Europe from the west."

"Britain seems cast to be the springboard for the invasion of Europe. That is the pointer from those troopships that slip out from this seaboard for British ports."

Sixty troopships now operate on the regular run, according to Reuter's correspondent.

Hitler's biggest headache. . . The greatest offensive in history, it is reported in Washington, cannot now be retarded for a single hour on any account.

Lines To Noel Coward

By Capt. Gill Robb Wilson

Dear Noel Coward: These lines refer To that Young Yankee officer Who, in Glasgow, on a drink or two, Said: "We're here to win the war for you." I'm sorry you were hurt and fled away: Another drink or word might well have saved the day.

His words were sticky, I'll agree, to British ears. They touch the quick of British pride, which fears Naught but to be shaken in its aloofness from fate, Which decees no murmuring, save "too little and too late."

He did not know you're born a thousand years of age And by that margin, tardily enrolled upon your parishpage. He did not know the island soul that dwells in time, And reads today as but a verse in an historic rhyme.

So, with a drink or two, He did what youth must always do— He said the thing he thought was true: "We're here to win the war for you."

My dear, proud friend, would you deny the lad his youthful pride? He said—"for you." He might have said "for me," or "for my side." But, no. For you he left a farm, an endless prairie sky, And traded security for a chance to die.

Your courage in that year of fire and death Had caught his heart, quickened his breath And sent him overseas to live or perish With you, whose age he knows not, but whose future he would cherish.

"We're here to win the war for you." This was not boast. Call it, rather, youth! He did not say "to run." "To win"—youth is blunt, but also dies for truth.

This young United States! This youthful kingdom of a million dreams! This reach of land and sky and sea caught at the seams

By the thread of freedom, stitched by the hand which weaves all fate Into the seamless robe of Eternity—should not our pride be great? Forlorn causes, underdogs—yes, British valor—thrill us to the bone.

That lad, sir, spoke for men who leave no friend to die alone.

"We're here to win the war for you." A boast, a phrase, belittlement, disdain? Oh, no, my friend! A promise, that so long as these United States remain

Those men who fight for freedom as you do Shall hear some doughboy drawl: "We're here to win the war for you."



NEWS FROM HOME Bill Would Halt Army Induction For Six Months

Selectees to Be Deferred If They Train 18 Hours a Week

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The House Military Affairs Committee will hold hearings sometime in January on a bill which would defer the induction of any additional men into the armed services for six months.

Under the bill drawn up by Rep. Charles R. Clason (R.-Mass.), selectees will be able to retain their jobs if they devote at least 18 hours a week to military training. Clason said he had discussed his plan with military authorities and they said it was "highly feasible."

Clason said that those selectees who choose to retain their employment will not get Army pay. Military boards will be set up in every community, he said, to supervise the part-time military training.

Clason said the War Department would be authorized to call an immediate halt to the plan if the number of men in the armed forces fell below 4,000,000. He said the bill would be of great benefit because production would be continued in every industry and at the same time men would receive basic military training at no expense to the Government.

Siamese Twin Wants Divorce

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 19—A suit for divorce was filed here by Mrs. Daisy Estep, one of Siamese twins who was married in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1941. She said in her application for divorce that her husband, Harold Estep, a dancer from Elmira, N.Y., had deserted her ten days after their marriage and that they never had lived together as man and wife. Her sister Violet divorced her husband, who was also a dancer, several years ago.

Paintings Returned to N.Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Priceless paintings which the Metropolitan Museum of Art removed after Pearl Harbor are being brought back into the buildings because of the belief that the city is past any danger of a bombing attack. The pictures were removed to a bomb-proof shelter on a private estate more than 100 miles from the city.

Real Daughter of Revolution

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 19—The last real "daughter of the Revolution," Mrs. Annie Knight Gregory, whose father was a drummer boy with Washington at Valley Forge and an infantry captain in the War of 1812, died at her home here. She was 100 years old.

Waukegan Store Destroyed

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Dec. 19—The Hein department store was burned to the ground in a fire that caused an estimated damage of \$300,000. A building adjoining the department store was damaged by the blaze and several other structures in the center of the business section were endangered.

Venice Postmaster Removed

VENICE, Cal., Dec. 19—The removal of Lee Strickland as postmaster here was announced by Rep. Will Rogers Jr. Rogers said the Postoffice Department declined comment on the ouster. Mrs. Lelitia D. Winn has been named acting postmaster.

Mississippi Committee Formed

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Dec. 19—Creation of a permanent Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee was effected at a meeting here of representatives of the health and conservation departments of Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

Moss Hart's Home Robbed

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—Burglars looted the apartments of Count Vincent Orsich and Moss Hart. At least \$10,000 in jewelry and other valuables was taken from Hart's home. Orsich's losses were not revealed.

Anglo-American Launching

HINGHAM, Mass., Dec. 19—The Navy announced that a double-launching ceremony at the Bethlehem-Hingham shipyard here Tuesday will mark the first time a U.S. warship and a British warship have gone down the ways together.

'Charley Ross' Dies

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 19—A man purported to be Charley Ross, central figure in the nation's first great unsolved kidnapping case 69 years ago, died here. He was known as Gustave Blair.

Defendant Pleads Guilty To Defrauding the Army

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 19—Robert L. Wright, one of five individual defendants charged with the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company of conspiracy to defraud the government through production of below standard Army field wire, reversed his plea from innocent to guilty. Wright's guilty plea followed testimony by Joseph Roch that Wright had instructed him to attach tags and Signal Corps stamps to rejected reels of wire. Roch said the reels were then shipped out as standard material.

Collapses



Associated Press Photo
Barbara Stanwyck, above, collapsed while working on the set at Hollywood after returning from a week's absence due to the flu. Work on her new picture, "My Reputation," will be held up for some time, it was said. She appears above as garbed for her role in "Ball of Fire." Hmn.

Wrecked Train Engineer Was Ill

Driver Says He Had Flu; Collision Death Toll Climbs to 81

RENNERT, N.C., Dec. 19—The engineer of the Atlantic Coast Line's Tamiami Champion said he was ill with influenza when his train crashed into a derailed southbound streamliner near here three days ago and that he did not have "a Chinaman's chance" of averting the wreck.

Frank Belknap, of Rocky Mount, N.C., a veteran of 46 years of railroading, claimed illness had kept him off the job a week but that he was called back to work before he had fully recovered.

Belknap said no warning signals were set up to notify him of the derailed cars sprawled across the tracks ahead, and that he could not see the cars himself because of the other engine's headlights.

Workers are still removing bodies from the wreckage. Eighty-one servicemen and civilians are known to be dead and it is believed that the bodies of several WAVES still are pinioned in the wreckage.

2 Killed When Santa Fe Train Hits Switch Engine

GALLUP, N.M., Dec. 19—Two trainmen were killed and four other persons injured when a westbound eighteen-car Santa Fe railroad train crashed into a switch engine in the railroad yards here.

Railroad investigators blamed the collision on a heavy fog. Police said there were about 600 servicemen on furlough on the train.

Typhoid Epidemic Rages In Mercer County in Ky.

HARRODSBURG, Ky., Dec. 19—While a large percentage of the nation's population has the flu, Mercer County is undergoing a typhoid fever epidemic.

Dr. J. L. Tanner, the county health officer, reported 54 cases and two deaths. He said several of the 54 families are critically ill and that as many as three in the same family have typhoid fever.

FBI Annual Report Reveals A Big Decline in U.S. Crime

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP)—In spite of the concentration of the FBI on the investigation of sabotage, a vast reduction in crime is reported in the FBI's annual report.

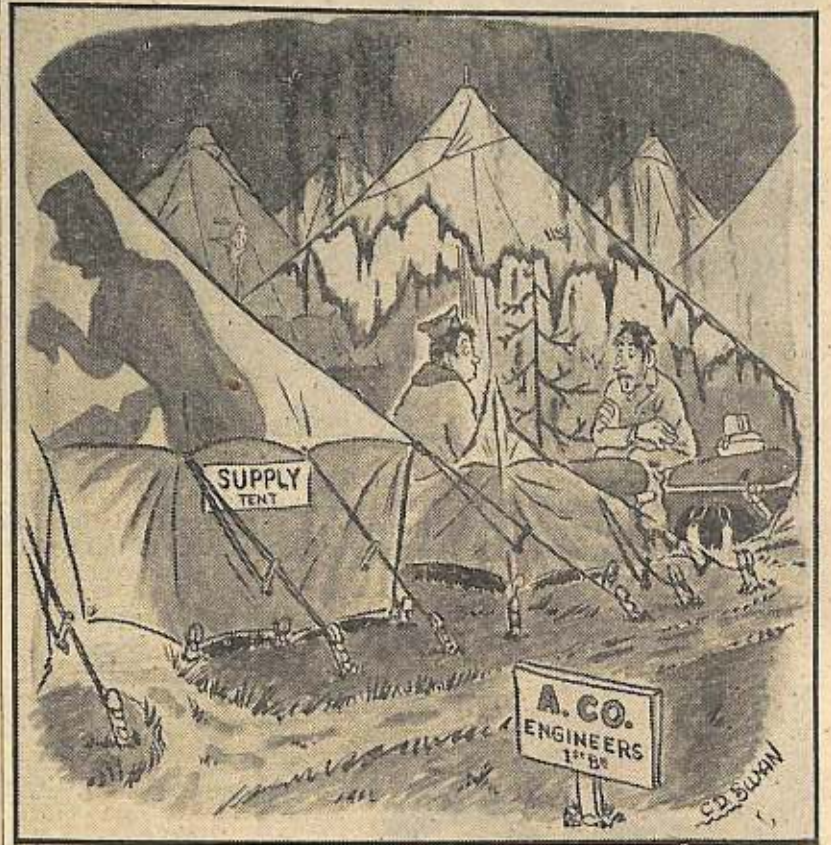
During 1932, the peak year for bank robberies, over \$5,000,000 was stolen from 606 banks. Last year there were only 48 bank robberies, with loot totaling \$194,000. Insurance rates have dropped as a result.

Other outstanding activities of the FBI have resulted in a clean-up of blackmailers. A total of 71 convictions were

obtained last year, with sentences exceeding 218 years. Since 1932, there have been 916 convictions for blackmail.

This year the FBI has recovered 5,717 stolen cars worth more than \$3,020,000. This brings the total up to 73,972 over the last 25 years.

A striking feature of war-time crime has been the increase of impersonations, says the report. Many of these were people who wore service uniforms illegally to satisfy their vanity. Last year saw 318 convictions on this charge alone.



"What the hell do you s'pose happened to all those candles?"

Diane



By Jean Baird

Male Call



By Milton Caniff

Blondie



By Chic Young



Air Evacuation Is Their Job



Leaving one of their special stretcher carrying planes are Flying Nurses (all 2/Lts.) Anna G. Ranahan, S. Bend, Ind.; Florence M. De Luca, Stoughton, Mass.; Dorothy L. Barlow, Sapulpa, Okla.; Marion L. Hemmesch, New Rockford, N.D.; Mary L. McHugh, Oklahoma City, and Ethel L. Guffey, Shawnee, Okla., members of the first group of this type to arrive in Britain. *Keystone Photo*

Let's All Join In The Chorus



Dorothy Wenzel, Evelyn Case and Evelyn Dresden, members of the cast of the newly arrived USO-Camp Show "Words and Music," swing out with a GI chorus, Sgt. Paul Lewis, Cpl. John Riley, Cpl. Bob Heavens, Pvt. Julie Rodman with Cpl. Claude Constable, at the piano. Looks like good jive. *U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo*

Getting The Air



The suit with a drape shape is for infants in a gas attack. The WAC is pumping air for a Pic. *Keystone Photo*

She's Tops In Taps



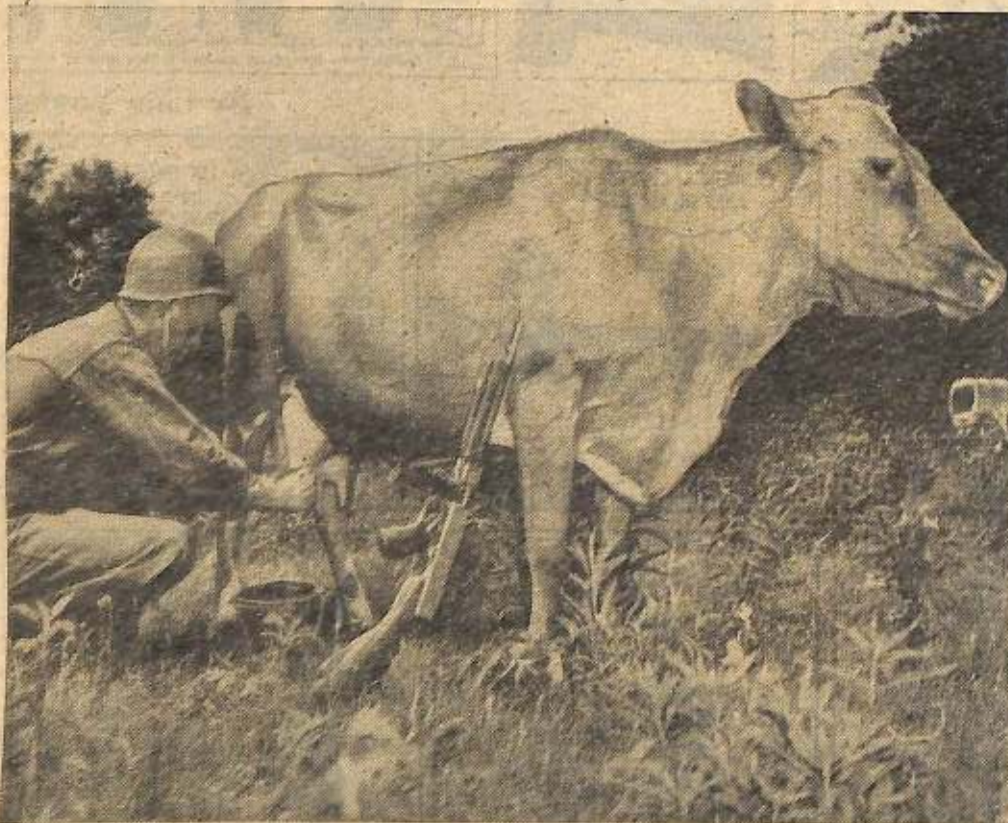
Shapely Ann Miller, star of Columbia pictures, gets ready to go into her dance

Smile, Please



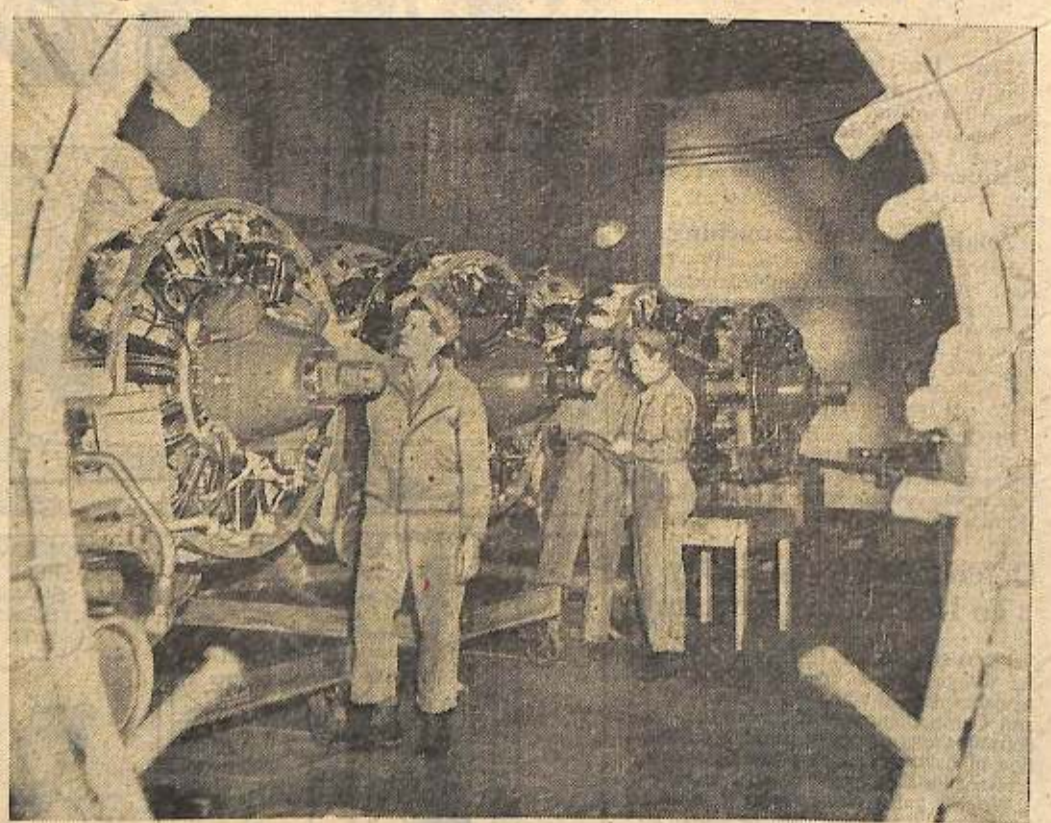
Angela Hugo, daughter of a South African air ace, has a famous godfather—Gen. Jan Smuts. *Keystone Photo*

It's The Real McCoy



It can't happen here! His trusty weapon resting against Bossy's ribs, Pvt. Julian Beland, of Thomaston, Ga., draws himself a helmet full of milk. Nice work if you can get it. *Associated Press Photo*

They Must Be OK



Cpl. Raymond Reit and S/Sgts. K. C. Williams and Reuben Smith check Thunderbolt engines, powerhouses for the fast fighters whose job it is to protect our Flying Fortresses. *Keystone Photo*